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SUBJ: VISIT OF BGEN LON NON TO THE US

REF: PHNOM PENH 3756

1. WE ARE NOW IN THE PROCESS OF NEGOTIATING WITH DOD THE MODALITIES OF THE VISIT OF LON NON. AS THE PROGRAM IS DEVELOPED WE SHALL KEEP YOU INFORMED.

2. GENERALLY SPEAKING WE HOPE TO KEEP LON NON OCCUPIED FOR AT LEAST A TWO MONTH PERIOD WITH MILITARY AND CIVILIAN VISITS AROUND THE UNITED STATES AND IN THIS REGARD WE WOULD, UNLESS YOU PERCEIVE OBJECTION, LIKE TO ASSIGN FSO WILLIAM HARBEN AS HIS STATE DEPARTMENT ESCORT OFFICER. WE THINK THAT THERE WOULD BE DISTINCT ADVANTAGES TO THIS GIVEN HARBEN'S RECENT EXPERIENCE IN PHNOM PENH, HIS LANGUAGE CAPABILITY, AND HIS AVAILABILITY AT THE TIME LON NON WILL BE READY TO BEGIN HIS TOUR.

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3. WE UNDERSTAND HARBEN WILL DEPART PHNOM PENH ON JUNE 1 AND PLANS TO TOUR EUROPE FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS BEFORE RETURNING TO THE US. WE EXPECT LON NON'S CIVILIAN TOUR MAY HAVE TO BEGIN AROUND JUNE 15 (HE PLANS TO ATTEND TO PERSONAL AFFAIRS IN NEW YORK AND FLORIDA BETWEEN JUNE 1-15). WOULD HARBEN BE WILLING TO COMPRESS HIS LEAVE SOMEWHAT OR ADVANCE HIS DEPARTURE DATE TO ACCOMMODATE THIS SCHEDULE?
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